IAF planes crashes

384. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of IAF planes which crashed during the last two months; and

(b) what were the reasons for such crashes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Information regarding the number of IAF planes that have crashed is classified and cannot be disclosed in the public interest. The main causes of air accidents have been identified to be human error, technical defects and bird strikes.

Cases before the Central Administrative Tribunals

385. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view of the bulk of cases coming up before the Central Administrative Tribunals, Government intend to appoint more judges and officials in Central Administrative Tribunals;

(b) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the establishment, administrative recurring and non-recurring expanses of the Central Administrative Tribunals year-wise since its formation;

(d) whether it is a fact that in some cases Government have gone in Supreme Court/High Courts against the orders of Central Administrative Tribunals;

(e) if so, the number of such cases, and with what results;

(f) the reasons for going in the Supreme Court;

(g) what is the target of disposal of cases at the end of 31st December, 1988 and during the 1st January to 31st December, 1989; and

(h) what are the reactions of Government, employees, press and public on the working and orders of the Central Administrative Tribunals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Appointments of Vice-Chairman, Members and other officials in Central Administrative Tribunals are made on the basis of actual requirements depending on the assessment of work-load. Steps have been taken to fill up vacancies in accordance with the prescribed procedures.

(c) The details of the establishment and Administrative Expenditure of the Central Administrative Tribunals are as follows:

(Rs. in thousands).

1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (Upto 3/88)
1,47,64	3,35,75	4,15.47

(d) to (f) There are provisions for filing an appeal to the Supreme Court by filing a Special Leave petition depending on the merits of the case after obtaining legal advice from the Ministry of Law.

(g) Since the Central Administrative Tribunal is a quasi-judicial body, it is not practicable to indicate any target of disposal of cases which depends on several factors.

(h) No authentic analysis has been made by the Central Government to assess the reactions of the employees on the functioning of Central Administrative Tribunal. However, taking into account the quick disposal of cases, qualitatively and quantitatively the functioning of Central Administrative Tribunal seems satisfactory.